United States District Court Northern District of Texas

Service of Process on The United States, Its Agencies, Corporations or Officers

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (FRCP) describes the various forms of service of process. Rule 4(i)(1) details how service is to be made upon the United States:

! Rule 4(i)(1)(A) describes the manner in which the U. S. Attorney is to be served:

Personal Service:

by delivering a copy of the summons and of the complaint to the United States Attorney for the district in which the action is brought or to an Assistant United States Attorney or clerical employee designated by the United States Attorney in a writing filed with the clerk of the court

In the Northern District of Texas, pursuant to a memorandum by the United States Attorney dated March 14, 2000, service of process on the United States Attorney is executed by delivering a copy of the summons and complaint to any of the following people:

Dallas

Linda Darr, Delois George, Carole Henderson, Cindy Mitchell, Mary Rodriguez -- or any Assistant U.S. Attorney

Fort Worth

Roy Jean Capio, Anita Hudson, Cynthia Lopez, Lillian McIntire, Colleen Pointer, Paula I. Smith, Ann Taylor -- or any Assistant U.S. Attorney

Lubbock

Janice Angelley, Judy Buckelew, Lois Carmichael, Suzanne May, Debbie Morman, Linda O'Briant, Kathleen Romines -- or any Assistant U.S. Attorney

Amarillo

Matilda Russell, Kathy Taylor, Donna Watson -- or any Assistant U.S. Attorney

Service by Mail:

by sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint by registered or certified mail addressed to the civil process clerk at the office of the United States Attorney

In the Northern District of Texas, service is executed by mailing to the appropriate address:

Civil Process Clerk
Civil Process Clerk
1100 Commerce Street
801 Cherry Street

Third Floor Suite 1700

Dallas, TX 75242-1699 Fort Worth, TX 76102-6897

Civil Process Clerk Civil Process Clerk

1205 Texas Avenue 500 South Taylor Street, #300

C201 U.S. Federal Bldg. Lobby Box 238

Lubbock, TX 79401-4002 Amarillo, TX 79101-2442

! Rule 4(i)(1)(B) describes the manner for serving the Attorney General:

by also sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint by registered or certified mail to the Attorney General of the United States at Washington, District of Columbia

Service to the Attorney General is executed by mailing to the following address:

Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General Department of Justice Constitution Avenue & 10th Street NW Room B112 Washington, D.C. 20530

! Rule 4(i)(1)(C) describes the requirements for serving an officer or agency when the United States is the only named defendant but the validity of an order of a federal officer or agency is being attacked:

in any action attacking the validity of an order of an officer or agency of the United States not made a party, by also sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint by registered or certified mail to the officer or agency

Rule 4(i)(2) describes how service is to be made on a federal officer, agency or corporation of the United States listed on the complaint:

Service upon an officer, agency or corporation of the United States shall be effected by serving the United States in the manner prescribed by paragraph (1) of this subdivision and by also sending a copy of the summons and of the complaint by registered or certified mail to the officer, agency or corporation.